



DECEMBER 2022 PROGRAMS

All Programs are free and open to the public. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. All programs **meet at the Mount Greylock Visitor Center** unless otherwise noted. Please follow all current COVID guidelines. Visit [Mass.gov/COVID](https://www.mass.gov/COVID) for guidance. For additional information and weather updates, call the Visitor Center at (413) 499-4262.

OPEN DAILY

Closed 12/25

VISITOR CENTER, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Interpretive exhibits explore the park story through artifacts and displays. Trail maps, hike guidance, 13-minute orientation film, bathrooms, drinking water available. Wheelchair accessible.

**SUNDAYS,
ONGOING**

NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT, 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

For children and families. Adventurous quests invite you to search for natural treasures along park trails. We have several “seek and find” scavenger hunts for different age and skill levels. This program is self-guided. Scavenger hunts are available at the Visitor Center. Free.

**SUNDAYS,
ONGOING**

ANIMALS IN WINTER, 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

For all ages. Explore how animals and birds adapt to the changing seasons. Discover which animals hibernate, migrate, or change appearance. Chose a story book, craft activity, or a take home project. This self-guided activity may also be led by a Park Interpreter.

**FRIDAYS,
DEC. 2,
DEC. 16 (self-guided), &
DEC. 30**

NICE AND EASY TRAIL HIKE, 11:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Join with other hiking enthusiasts for an easy-paced, one to three-mile guided hikes geared toward seniors, but open to all ages. Dress appropriately for winter weather; hiking poles and traction devices for boots (or snowshoes) recommended. Trails may be snow-covered, icy, or muddy. Bring drinking water and a snack. Inclement weather cancels. Note Dec. 16 hike is self-guided.

**SPECIAL
EVENT**

**SATURDAY,
DEC. 3**

**HOLIDAY NATURE CRAFT TREE TRIMMING PARTY!
1:00—2:30 p.m.**

Come join the fun! Create your own holiday pinecone ornament and extras to help us decorate our holiday trees! Use natural ingredients along with colorful art supplies to create your holiday nature craft masterpiece. Note: craft supplies provided, but some items may be limited. Feel free to bring your own pinecones from home to share! For more information or weather updates call (413) 499-4262 or visit us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1420240645051730>

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SPECIAL EVENT WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7	MOUNTAIN MINDFULNESS SERIES: FOREST BATHING WALK, 1:30—3:30 p.m. For all ages. Jacqui Gero leads a slow, intentional, meditative woodland walk to de-stress and re-connected with nature. No previous experience necessary. Be prepared for winter weather conditions, dress in layers, wear winter boots. If conditions permit, bring snowshoes and hiking poles. Inclement weather cancels. Call the Visitor Center for weather updates.
SPECIAL EVENT SATURDAY, DEC. 17	SOLSTICE, SUNSET, COCOA-SIP, and SING-ALONG, 3:30—5:00 p.m. For all ages. As we approach the shortest day of the year (12/21/22) celebrate the return of the light—Winter Solstice! Gather by the fire, sip hot cocoa, join voices together in song! Bring along your instruments to play, invite the quartet, or just come along for the fun! Holiday sheet music provided to sing along. Have your camera ready for the sunset overlooking Pontoosuc Lake! Free. Hot chocolate will be provided. For more information or weather updates call (413) 499-4262 or visit us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/events/803961470693866
SPECIAL EVENT WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21	MOUNTAIN MINDFULNESS SERIES: WINTER SOLSTICE WALK, 1:00—3:00 p.m. For all ages. Experience the serenity and tranquility of the forest in winter. Celebrate the return of the light on the shortest day of the year! Guided, slow, intentional, meditative woodland walk to de-stress and re-connected with nature. Dress appropriately for winter weather and trail conditions; hiking poles, traction devices for boots (or snowshoes) recommended. Bring drinking water and a snack. Inclement weather cancels. Call for weather updates.
SPECIAL EVENT WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21	FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS WALK, 3:30—4:47 p.m. For all ages. Come celebrate the Winter Solstice. We observe the traditional Festival of Lights with a brief ceremony, followed by a refreshing 20-minute outdoor walk. Light sticks and hot cocoa provided. Inclement weather may cancel.

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VACATION WEEK SPECIAL EVENT
FRIDAY, DEC. 23
WINTER TREE IDENTIFICATION HIKE,
11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
For ages 8 and older. Calling all nature detectives! Learn how to identify trees during their winter slumber with DCR Management Forester, Kevin Podkowka. An easy walk for families. Be prepared for the weather by wearing appropriate clothing and sturdy snow boots (traction devices, trekking poles and snowshoes may also be advisable). Inclement weather cancels.

VACATION WEEK SPECIAL EVENT
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28
WINTER WILDLIFE TRACKING,
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. & 12:30—3:30 p.m.
For ages 8 and up. Join Jim Pelletier for a three-hour guided wildlife tracking exploration. Traverse nearby woodlands, meadows, and streams. See what local wildlife has been up to. Journey less than 2-miles at a leisurely pace with some off-trail, rough terrain, and stream crossings. **Participation is limited, pre-registration required:**
9:00 am hike:
https://9am-Wildlife_Tracking.eventbrite.com
12:30 p.m. hike:
https://1230pm-Wildlife_Tracking.eventbrite.com
Dress appropriately for winter weather; hiking poles, traction devices for boots (or snowshoes) are recommended. Trails may be snow-covered, icy, or muddy. Bring water and a snack. Inclement weather cancels. Call for weather updates.

VACATION WEEK SPECIAL EVENT
THURSDAY, DEC. 29
WINTER WONDERLAND ACTIVITY DAY!
1:00—3:00 p.m.
Join us for a fun-packed time of winter activities for all ages. This event offers winter crafts, scavenger hunts, board games, and sledding if weather permits. Designed as self-guided activities but may be led by a Park Interpreter. Bring your own sled if you have one.

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